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SUBJ: CENTRAL EUROPE OPERATING AGENCY (CEOA)

REFS: A. STATE 178202; B. USNATO 3340; C. USNATO 3825

1. REF A REQUESTED MISSION ADVICE ON TIMING OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR CANDIDATE FOR CEOA A-4 MAINTENANCE ENGINEER POSITION. GENERAL MANAGER VERBOIS HAS REQUESTED RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS BY 30 SEPTEMBER TO PERMIT A CHOICE BY END OCTOBER AND ALLOW SOME TIME FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE PRIOR TO AN APPOINTMENT IN DECEMBER 1975. JOB DESCRIPTION IN REF B NOTES THAT LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR THIS JOB. THUS, US CANDIDATE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT ADVERTISEMENT BE DOD-WIDE TO PERMIT APPLICATION BY US PERSONNEL CURRENTLY IN EUROPE WITH APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS.

2. CONCERNING PARA 2 REF A, WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. WE HAVE REPORTED FULLY ON DISCUSSIONS OF THE TIME-CLOCK ISSUE AS ILLUSTRATION OF MORALE PROBLEMS IN CEOA. US PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS/FRG QUOTE HUMANITARIAN UNQUOTE POSITION AND THE ADAMANT UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER. AS NOTED IN REF C, A MODUS VIVENDI HAS EMERGED.

B. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE REAL SAVING

THROUGH REORGANIZATION OF CEOA. WE ARE, HOWEVER, LIKE THE  
DEPARTMENT, CONCERNED THAT THE ONLY REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE  
REORGANIZATION NOW PROPOSED BY VERBOIS MIGHT BE THE DOWNGRADING  
OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRAL EUOOPE PIPELINE SYSTEM  
(CEPS). WE INTEND THEREFORE TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY DURING FUOURE  
DISCUSSIONS.STREATOR.

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